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1. No precise information is available concerning the reported personal rivalries among ranking officials of the Rumanian Government.
2. Although the Rumanian public does not know which Communist official is actually dominant in the regime, it is certain that Prime Minister Petru Groza is only a figurehead without prestige. It is reported that on at least one occasion Groza intervened in a most subservient manner with Teohari Georgescu, Minister of Interior, on behalf of a relative who had been placed under arrest, but his request was abruptly turned down by Georgescu.
3. Reports that a trial of Lucretiu Patrascanu, former Communist Minister of Justice, will shortly be staged are again circulating. Patrascanu is believed to be held in custody at Lake Snagov near Bucharest.

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